

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

1978

Upon election and then confirmation by His Eminence, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, the following new members were confirmed for the period of 1978 - 1980;

Robert Akulian  
Gene Chardukian  
Joe Yahnian

with the four remaining Parish Council members of Stephen Barootian, Harry Boranian, Sarkis Cherkinian, and George Stevoff, the slate of officers for 1978 was elected as follows:

Chairman	Stephen Barootian
Vice-Chairman	George Stevoff
Secretary	Joe Yahnian
Asst. Secretary	Robert Akulian
Treasurer	Sarkis Cherkinian
Asst. Treasurer	Harry Boranian
Advisor	Gene Chardukian

In October of 1978 Parish Council member Joe Yahnian resigned from the Parish Council. The remainder of the term has not been filled as the individuals appropriate to the position declined the position. The Primate has been contacted on this matter, and we are waiting for his directions.

Early in the year the Parish Council met with all organizations, Deacons, appointed committees and Diocesan Delegates with a mutual understanding of needs and obligations. The Parish Council continued in the pattern of the preceding one, finishing tasks and adding new ones as the occasions arose. The Parish Council met on a weekly basis (with the exception of the summer months).

One of the primary tasks that fell on the council was the location of a Parish Priest to serve in our parish. The council discussed this matter within themselves and with the Primate. We were informed that there are no unattached priests nor any seminarians about to become priest. The Parish Council has been in communication with several priests, but have had no success in our search.

A Library committee has been formed under the Chair of Mary Sahakian, and they are in the process of planning and purchasing material for for this purpose.

From March 15, 1978 to April 5, 1978 our parish hosted the Very Rev. Souren Chinchinian for the Holy Season. While visiting us he performed services for three Sundays, including Palm and Easter Sundays, as well as house blessings.

During 1978 our Parish participated in the Midwest Regional Council of Armenian Churches, and have enjoyed renewed communications with our sister Churches. One of the functions which we participated in was the visit by the Patriarch of Istanbul, Archbishop Shnork Kaloustian, from Nov 9 to Nov 12, 1978. Part of which was at our own church.

The St. Mesrob Parish Council would like to thank all of the hard working parishoners for their help and guidance during the past year.

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